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Letter dated 8 December 2009 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to recall to your attention the matter of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire. That Operation was created by the Security Council pursuant to resolution 1528 (2004) and its mandate was extended pursuant to resolution 1880 (2009).

I have to inform you that, following the usual consultations, I intend to appoint Major General Abdul Hafiz (Bangladesh) as Operation Force Commander with effect from 1 January 2010. Major General Abdul Hafiz will replace Major General Fernand Marcel Amoussou (Benin), whose tour of duty will end on 31 December 2009. I would like to express my gratitude to Major General Amoussou for the valuable assistance he has provided to the Operation.

I should be grateful if you would bring this letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **BAN** Ki-moon

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